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Application Number	09/921,359
Filing Date	August 2, 2001
First Named Inventor	Brent R. Collyer
Examiner Name	Douglas C. Butler
Art Unit	3683
Attorney Docket No.	0712-0148

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	Fee (\$)	Small Entity Fee (\$)	Fee (\$)	Small Entity Fee (\$)	Fee (\$)	Small Entity Fee (\$)	
Utility	300	150	500	250	200	100	
Design	200	100	100	50	130	65	
Plant	200	100	300	150	160	80	
Reissue	300	150	500	250	600	300	
Provisional	200	100	0	0	0	0	

**2. EXCESS CLAIM FEES****Fee Description**

Each claim over 20 (including Reissues)

Fee (\$)	Small Entity Fee (\$)
50	25

Each independent claim over 3 (including Reissues)

200	100
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Multiple dependent claims

360	180
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Total Claims	Extra Claims	Fee (\$)	Fee Paid (\$)
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- 20 or HP = \_\_\_\_\_ x \_\_\_\_\_ = \_\_\_\_\_

HP = highest number of total claims paid for, if greater than 20.

Indep. Claims	Extra Claims	Fee (\$)	Fee Paid (\$)
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**Multiple Dependent Claims**

Fee (\$)	Fee Paid (\$)
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PATENT  
Attorney Docket No. 0712-0148

**IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE**

In re application of: )  
Brent R. Collyer, et al. )  
Serial No.: 09/921,359 )  
Filed: August 2, 2001 )  
Examiner: Douglas C. Butler )  
Art Unit: 3683 )  
For: GROOVED OR RIBBED BUSHING AND )  
MATING GROOVED OR RIBBED )  
BUSHING RECEIVING BORE )  
INCLUDED WITHIN A SUSPENSION )  
COMPONENT )

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Applicants also respectfully reserve the right to later set forth how the instant invention is distinguished over the disclosure of any document or other art, including the disclosure of those documents discussed herein, that may be cited by the Examiner in rejecting a claim in the present patent application.

Foreign Patent Documents FR 2 292 153 A, DE 3108 701 A1 and DE 198 09 386 A1 are enclosed. For FR 2 292 153 A, what is believed to be a translation of the abstract is attached thereto. For DE 3108 701 A1 and DE 198 09 386 A1, what are believed to be translations thereof are attached to the references. All translations were obtained from a computer search service.

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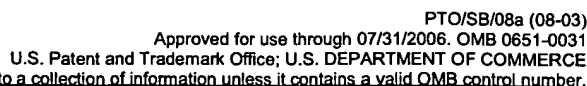
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		Country Code <sup>3</sup> Number <sup>4</sup> Kind Code <sup>5</sup> (if known)				
	8	FR 2 292 153 A	06/18/1976	ITT Industries		X
	9	DE 31 08 701 A1	09/23/1982	Boge GMBH		X
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